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Agenda

1. Opening of the resumed Review Conference by the President.
2. Address by the Secretary-General or his representative.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Election to fill vacancies in the composition of the Bureau.
5. Organization of work.
6. Credentials of representatives to the Conference: report of the Credentials Committee.
7. Presentation of the report of the ninth round of informal consultations of States parties to the Agreement.
8. Assessment of the effectiveness of the Agreement in securing the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks, as guided by the organization of work of the Conference:
   (a) Review of the implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Review Conference in 2006;
   (b) Proposed means of further strengthening, if necessary, the substance and methods of implementation of the provisions of the Agreement.
9. Consideration of the report on the status of the Assistance Fund.
10. Adoption of the final report of the resumed Review Conference.
11. Other matters.
12. Closure of the Conference.

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Organization of work

Framework questions

Delegations are requested to organize their interventions around the following questions so as to frame the discussions on assessing the effectiveness of the Agreement:[1]

1. In which areas is implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Review Conference in 2006 proceeding generally well?
2. In which areas is implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Review Conference in 2006 at an early stage or where has there been little progress in implementation?
3. What means could be proposed to further strengthen the substance and methods of implementation of the Agreement?

[1] This methodology does not preclude delegations from addressing other questions in order to complement and inform the discussions.

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Programme of work[2]

Date/time	*Agenda item/programme*	
Monday, 24 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Items 1-7	Opening formalities
	Item 8	Assessment of the effectiveness of the Agreement in securing the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks
	Item 8 (a)	Review of the implementation of the recommendations relating to the conservation and management of stocks — recommendations 18 (a) to (k), 19 and 20 (framework questions 1 and 2):

- Adoption and implementation of measures [paras. 89-91, 137-140, 185]
- Establishment of new regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements [paras. 92-93, 141, 142, 186]
- Application of precautionary and ecosystem approaches [paras. 94-102, 143-149, 175-177, 187, 194]
- Achievement of compatible measures [paras. 103-107, 150-152, 188]
- Development of area-based management tools [paras. 108-114, 153-156, 189]
- Management of fishing capacity and elimination of subsidies [paras. 115-123, 157-162, 190]
- Lost or abandoned fishing gear and discards [paras. 124-129, 163-165, 191]
- Data collection and sharing of information [paras. 130-136, 166-173, 178-181, 192-194]
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) data arrangements and the global fisheries statistics database [paras. 182-184, 194]

[2] Paragraph references in square brackets correspond to paragraphs in the report of the Secretary-General to the resumed Review Conference (A/CONF.210/2010/1).

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Date/time	*Agenda item/programme*	
3-6 p.m.	Item 8 (a) *(continued)*	Review of the implementation of the recommendations relating to mechanisms for international cooperation and non-members — recommendations 32 (a) to (k) (framework questions 1 and 2): • Strengthening mandates and measures in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements [paras. 196-201, 225-228, 295] • Performance reviews and best practice guidelines [paras. 247-299] • Strengthening and enhancing cooperation among regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements [paras. 202-206, 229-232, 300] • Participation in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements [paras. 207-213, 233-239, 301, 302] • Decision-making rules and procedures in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements [paras. 214-217, 240-242, 303] • Effective control by flag States [paras. 218-220, 243, 304] • Fisheries of developing States [paras. 221-224, 244-246, 305]
Tuesday, 25 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 8 (a) *(continued)*	Review of the implementation of the recommendations relating to monitoring, control and surveillance, and compliance and enforcement — recommendations 43 (a) to (o) (framework questions 1 and 2): • Strengthening effective control over vessels [paras. 307-319, 364-369, 403-405] • Assessment of flag State performance [paras. 320-323, 370-374, 398, 406] • Adoption of port State measures [paras. 324-326, 375-377, 399, 400, 407] • Strengthening compliance and enforcement schemes in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements [paras. 327-331, 378-382, 408, 409]

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		• Alternative mechanisms for compliance and enforcement in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements [paras. 332, 33 383-385, 410]
		• Regulation of trans-shipment, supply and refuelling vessels [paras. 334-342, 386-392, 41 412]
		• Strengthening fisheries access agreements [paras. 343-347, 413]
		• Market-related measures [paras. 348-354, 393, 394, 414]
		• International Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Network [paras. 355-357, 415]
		• FAO Compliance Agreement and global record of fishing vessels [paras. 358-363, 395-397, 40 402, 416]
3-6 p.m.	**Item 8 (a)** (*continued*)	Review of the implementation of the recommendations relating to developing States and non-parties — recommendations 55 (a) to (f), 56 an 57 (framework questions 1 and 2)
		• Promotion of wider participation in the Agreement [paras. 418-423, 454]
		• Enhancing the participation of developing State in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements [paras. 427-436, 455, 456]
		• Cooperation with and assistance to developing States [paras. 437-440, 455]
		• Capacity-building needs of developing States [paras. 449-452, 457]
		• Capacity-building mechanisms and programme including the Part VII Assistance Fund [paras. 424-426, 441-448, 453, 455, 457]
Wednesday, 26 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	**Item 8 (b)**	Consideration of proposed means to further strengthen the substance and methods of implementation of the Agreement (framework question 3)

Date/time	*Agenda item/programme*	
3-6 p.m.	Item 8 (b) (*continued*)	Consideration of proposed means to further strengthen the substance and methods of implementation of the Agreement (framework question 3)
Thursday, 27 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Presentation and discussion of the summary of discussions under item 8 (b), prepared by the President
3-6 p.m.		Discussion of the final report of the Conference
Friday, 28 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Further discussion of the final report of the Conference
3-6 p.m.	Items 9-12	Concluding formalities

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Credentials of representatives of participating States in the resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairperson: Ms. Muditha **Halliyadde** (Sri Lanka)

1. The resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (hereinafter referred to as the "resumed Review Conference") recalled that it had appointed a Credentials Committee of nine members from representatives of the parties to the Agreement, namely, Germany, India, Mauritius, Norway, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Ukraine and Uruguay. The resumed Review Conference decided that the Credentials Committee would continue with the same composition.

2. The Credentials Committee held an organizational meeting on 24 May 2010, during which it elected Muditha Halliyadde of Sri Lanka as Chairperson of the Committee and Dire Tladi of South Africa as Vice-Chairperson, by acclamation.

3. The Credentials Committee held its second meeting on 26 May 2010. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 26 May 2010, on the status of credentials of representatives of participating States in the resumed Review Conference.

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4. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 28 States participating in the resumed Review Conference: Australia, Austria, Barbados, Canada, Chile, China, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Malaysia, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Palau, Panama, Republic of Korea, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Singapore, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago and United States of America.

5. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, the formal credentials issued by the President of the European Commission for the representatives of the European Union had also been submitted.

6. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the resumed Review Conference had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 65 States participating in the Review Conference: Argentina, Bangladesh, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Bulgaria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Guatemala, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Nauru, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam.

7. The Credentials Committee accepted the credentials of all the representatives referred to in the memorandum by the Secretariat, on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 3 of the memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The Committee adopted the following resolution without a vote:

> "*The Credentials Committee*,
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> "*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives of participating States in the resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, referred to in paragraphs 1 to 3 of the memorandum by the Secretariat dated 26 May 2010,
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> "*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives concerned."

8. The Committee decided to recommend to the resumed Review Conference the adoption of a resolution on the matter (see para. 10 below).

9. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the resumed Review Conference.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

10. The Credentials Committee recommends to the resumed Review Conference the adoption of the following resolution:

"Credentials of representatives of participating States in the resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks,

"The resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

"*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee."